

family worship. He studied at Glasgow University. "His patience, perseverance, and powers of application were marvellous. At the same time he was cheerful, having a keen appreciation of the humorous side of things." But the keynote to his whole life we hear when, standing on Bothwell Bridge, with his face turned toward China, he said with intense earnestness, as he shook hands in parting with a college companion, "Let us keep close to Christ." His great example for life was Christ Himself, as he said, "The great object of my life is to be like Christ," and, again, "I like to do things like what Jesus would do."

He loved the Chinese and the Mongols among whom he labored, "becoming all things to all men, that he might by all means save some." "He adopted *in toto*, not only the native dress, but practically the native food, and, so far as a Christian man could, native habits of life." He was most faithful and devoted in the discharge of duty, willing to undergo any discipline which God might see necessary to make him a more efficient servant. He says: "I shall not be astonished if He puts me through some fires or severe operations, nor shall I be sorry, if they only end by leaving me a channel through which His saving grace can flow unhindered to these needy people."

But the great characteristic of James Gilmour, through which his life has spoken and will speak to many souls, was his faith in God. "He believed in God's present and immediate influence in the passing events of daily life, and that the right attitude of life is one of absolute dependence upon, and submission to, the will "of God." His marriage was, what would be called by many, romantic. He saw the portrait of Rev. S. E. Meech's sister-in-law, and often heard her spoken of in conversation. He asked permission to correspond with her; a proposal of marriage followed. Awaiting the answer, which could only come after some months, he wrote home to his parents, and in that letter he makes a statement which, at first, may make us smile, but will, on further thought, be recognized by us as a most beautiful expression of loving confidence in God amid all the circumstances of life. He is speaking of the proposal he has made, an answer to which he has not yet received. He says: "I am very easy-minded over it all, because I have exercised the best of my thoughts on the subject, and have put the whole matter into the hands of God, asking